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My pleasures rise from things unseen,  
Beyond this world and time  
Where neither eyes nor ears have been,  
Nor thoughts of mortals climb.  
I want no pomp nor royal throne  
To raise my honors here;  
Content and pleased to live unknown,  
Till Christ my life appear.

—Anon.

# Glad Tidings



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# Another New Year

"Boast not thyself of tomorrow"—  
(Prov. 27:1).

The new year, 1947, is made up of 365 tomorrows, tomorrows unmarred by failure, unblemished by disappointment or injury, and undefiled by sin.

1946 has taken 365 yesterdays into history to join the past of all ages. What may have been done with yesterday serves us no purpose today but to teach us that tomorrow we may have, today we have, and yesterday is gone forever.

The proverbial new leaf will be turned as the new year takes its place upon the calendar. Resolutions, good until they are broken, will in most cases be short-lived, and once again life settles down to the pace and tone it had before the holiday season inspired and high resolve tightened the girdle of good intentions and self-discipline for a period of standing before the mirror of self-appraisal.

As the new year presents itself in segments—a day at a time wrapped in packages of weeks and boxed in months for delivery to the recording office of time—we accept the days as they run through our lives like a ticker tape, each a portion of a length of time called a lifetime, our lives marking the record as it goes through.

For some, tomorrow is planned, a result of yesterday's dealings, whether good or bad, beneficial or detrimental. Some tomorrows will be joyous because of well used yesterdays. Others will be tear-filled and days of suffering because of misspent yesterdays—misspent by someone, one's self or another.

All of 1947 any of us have is today. If we are going to pray in 1947, let us pray today. If we are going to trust God in 1947, let us trust today. If we are going to serve the Lord in word and deed, let us don the towel today and serve our brother. If we have a kindness to show, a word of encouragement, a prayer, testimony, let us be ready with it today. It is true an army does not fire all its ammunition in one day, but it has a good supply for today or the battles of tomorrow are already lost.

Today's tomorrow will be day after tomorrow's yesterday. We can mortgage tomorrow today, and next week suffer foreclosure. Or we can wisely in-

vest today in bonds of Christian grace and devotion to our Redeemer Lord and tomorrow enjoy the dividends of His blessing, that "Well done, thou good and faithful servant. . ."

1947 is ours to use for God, to live for Him as the man or the woman He is seeking to use in whatever place we may be. But we cannot count on 1947's being different from 1946, should we want it to be different, if we do not make a difference today.

Yesterday is a used tomorrow with the hope gone from it. You cannot do much with yesterday but remember it. Yesterday is tomorrow ground through the mill of today as the wheels of time roll on. Between tomorrow and yesterday—only 24 hours, today—is the only time we can claim. "Now is the accepted time," says the Apostle Paul.

Tomorrow's hopes become yesterday's ashes if not materialized by today's use to the glory of God, His service and His kingdom.

"Only one life, 'twill soon be past;  
Only what's done for Christ will last."  
—M.M.

## Follow the Beam

Follow the beam through the blizzard  
and night;  
Swiftly, unerringly, on in your flight.  
Hold to your course, pilot; follow it  
through;  
Storm and the darkness mean nothing  
to you.

Life has its troubles—its darkness to  
fight—  
Follow the beam; fear not the dark night.  
No need for errors, but follow His  
course—  
If Christ be your beam, then no need for  
remorse.  
—H. B. Hinman.

Why should this anxious load  
Press down your weary mind?  
Haste to your Heavenly Father's throne,  
And peace and comfort find.  
His goodness stands approved  
Unchanged from day to day:  
I'll drop my burden at His feet,  
And bear a song away.

## The Changing Years

"My presence shall go with thee"  
(Ex. 33:14).

Across the threshold of the year  
I dare not step without a guide;  
Oh, let me feel Thy presence near,  
And know Thee ever at my side,  
So many foes on every hand,  
So many snares laid for my feet,  
Left to myself I cannot stand—  
To trust in self but courts defeat,  
But with Thy strong hand clasping  
mine,

The future I can calmly face,  
Strong in the love that made me Thine  
And leaning wholly on Thy grace.

—The Witness.

## Paul's Defeat

Paul got the defeat of his life: Not at Lystra—he built a church there. Not at Thessalonica where he was mobbed—he built a church there.

Not at Philippi where he was beaten and put in the stocks—he built a church there. Not at Corinth and Ephesus where he was persecuted—he built a church there.

Not at Jerusalem where he was torn by the mob—he built a church there.

But at Athens where he met only indifference—and he built no church there.

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## Spirit-filled Lives

by EVANGELIST DON SKAGGS

Ephesians 5:18. "Be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit" or "Be not drunk with wine, wherein is a tendency toward excess; but, *be being filled* with the Spirit."

How blessed the change that comes in the Christian's life when he is filled with the Spirit! How sad the testimony of Christians that have known the joy of the Spirit-filled life in the past, but whose lives today are but shadows of former blessing, peace and joy. We consider here not the original experience of the incoming of the Spirit as of Acts 2:4 and 1:8 which are true and absolutely essential, but rather the life that follows the endowment of power and the necessary walk in the Spirit.

Satan is an imitator. For everything the Christian receives of the Lord that is pure, holy, and uplifting, Satan has something in the way of an imitation to offer that is vile, unholy, and degrading. One great example of this is the walk in the Spirit. In two places in Scripture, Ephesians 5 and Acts 2—we see the substitute offered. The imitation here is drunkenness. Paul tells us not to get drunk or intoxicated on wine, *but* to live constantly in the Spirit. In Acts, when the Holy Ghost had been outpoured, the bystanders accused the people of God of being drunk with new wine. Surely there would have been no accusation of this kind, had not the Christians been acting like men that had imbibed too freely of the wine that is natural.

With this in mind, we may see that certain definite things may be expected as the result of constantly walking in the Spirit:

First, that the person that lives constantly in the Spirit is happy!

When the followers of Jesus were filled with the Spirit on the day of Pentecost, their concern was not with natural things so much as with praising and

magnifying God in the different languages the Lord had given them. It is impossible to praise God from the heart and not have the joy of salvation running over the brim of the soul. Gone are the mountains of trouble, cares, and perplexing things when the soul becomes enraptured in praises to its Redeemer and Coming King! The one outside of Christ sometimes takes the imitation the devil has of this wonderful blessing, goes out to become intoxicated to forget his troubles, becomes sober to find the mountain of them larger. But, thank God, not so the Christian! Living with a constant supply of divine grace being fed to his soul, he is lifted above his troubles and hard places to sit in heavenly places with Christ Jesus!

Second, the soul that is *being filled* with the Spirit is *hard to hurt*!

A well known minister had to make a change of trains in London one foggy night, and found that he had some time before he was to catch the outgoing one. He walked about the vicinity of the depot passing the time until his train left and became engrossed in a conversation with an English Bobbie—a policeman. Learning that he had time to spend, the Bobbie invited him to make the rounds of his beat. The invitation was accepted. Before long, they were in a section of London jammed with pubs and "drinkerries." Passing in front of one of these, they discovered a poor derelict of humanity who had been tossed out of a pub and was lying unconscious in a gutter half-filled with icy water. The minister became very concerned over his condition, but not the Bobbie. Dragging the drunk out of the water onto the curb, he quickly ascertained that the man was still alive, and stomped off to phone the police wagon. The wagon came immediately, the unfortunate was dumped unceremoniously into the back and the door slammed shut. As the vehicle drove away, the minister could stand it no longer and frantically told the Bobbie that he was sure the drunk unless he had some medical attention, would be in danger of dying. The Bobbie drew his two-hundred thirty pounds up to his full six-foot four, and

growled down at the preacher below him, "Hmmmph! That wreck is so full of the stuff, that nothing else could ever hurt him!"

Not to be desired in any way is drunkenness with natural wine. But, says Paul, "be being filled with the Spirit." Where there is too much friction in the church, more oil of the Holy Spirit will ease heat generated by such trouble and make things work smoothly. Where one personality runs cross-grain with another, feelings are not likely to be hurt if both are being filled with the Spirit! Indeed, outsiders must give witness that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. The child of God that is being filled with the Spirit is hard to hurt because he has no room for the carnal nature when he is completely filled with the Spirit!

The soul that is "being filled with the Spirit" is *liberal*! It may be that our first thought in this vein turns to finances, because the pocketbook is so close to the heart. I'm sure, however, that this truth goes beyond this wonderful blessing of giving of our natural means for the cause of Christ into each avenue of expression in Christian living. In praying, do you spend as much time telling Him about the needs of others as about your own? Are you as liberal in the expending of energy and time for Christ as you are in making certain of your own personal success?

My father, years ago during the era of prohibition, went into the high Sierras on a fish-planting expedition. The men were all to stay one night at the home of a certain chief ranger. To impress upon the men the kindness(?) of his hospitality, the ranger brought out, at the end of the meal, several bottles of intoxicating drinks. My father, a Christian, excused himself from the table and went into another part of the house, wrapped himself up in a blanket and laid down to sleep. He was awakened in a little while by the sound of loud voices in an argument. He listened for a moment and then walked to the edge of the dining room and looked in. It seems that the ranger had called in a certain Indian gentleman from whom he wished to buy an Indian corn grinder, or mortar and pestle. The Indian wanted something like twenty-five dollars for it, and the ranger wouldn't give him more than five. The argument resulted. It

died down, however, when the ranger persuaded the owner of the corn grinder to sit down with him and drink out of one of the bottles on the table. My father retired again for another try at his much needed sleep. Before long his sleep was interrupted again. This time the voices were loud and very angry, and it rather looked as though there might be one dead Indian in those parts before morning. Dad looked into the dining room to see if there was any chance of his acting in the office of peace-maker. He found, this time, the ranger was vehemently insisting that the Indian, since he was such a *good friend*, take at least twenty-five dollars for the corn grinder, while the Indian said no, he couldn't do that, and wouldn't consider taking a penny over five!!! That both of the men were intoxicated may be rightly assumed.

Few of us may ever see a really "hilarious giver" that the Lord loves. The fact remains that it will only be as we are "being filled with the Spirit" momentarily that we shall find ourselves the liberal Christians we so often think ourselves as being, but which frequently we are not. In a word, this is the only completely happy place for the child of God to be.

To receive that joy and blessing again that once we knew, what should we do? The same thing we did when the Lord filled us with His precious Spirit—pray through, consecrate ourselves completely again, wait on Him, praise Him! Surely, with Paul, we shall find it necessary not to be "drunk with wine, wherein is a tendency toward excess; but (we can) *be being filled with the Spirit!*"

Jesus whispers, "I am with you  
In the sunshine, in the cloud,  
When the spirit is exalted.  
When the stricken head is bowed."

Jesus whispers, "I am with you  
In the battle every day;  
Standing by you in the conflict,  
Going with you all the way."

Jesus whispers, "I am with you  
In the hour of deepest need;  
When the way is dark and lonesome,  
I am with you, I will lead."

Jesus whispers, "I am with you—  
With you still, whate'er betide;  
In the sunlight or the shadow,  
I am ever at thy side."

## A Word to Witness

By THOMAS B. DON CARLOS

Of great importance to the work of the Lord and the progress of the church of Jesus Christ are two portions of Scripture it would be well to consider. The first one is found in 2 Timothy 1:8—"Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God." The Apostle Paul was writing to his timid son in the faith, Timothy, exhorting him not to be ashamed to testify about our Lord, for Timothy was rather afraid, having seen that Paul had been taken prisoner for the testimony of Jesus Christ. In substance he says "But do not be ashamed of a prisoner of the Lord like me; join me in bearing sufferings for the gospel by the power of God who has saved us and called us to a life of consecration." This was the plea that came from the great hero of the gospel, not only to Timothy but also unto all who are saved by the power of God.

Let us be persuaded to such a consecration in God. His grace will be all sufficient at all times and in all places to cause us ever to triumph in our testimony concerning our Lord Jesus Christ. "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind" (1 Tim. 1:7). Let us be witnesses unto the end of the earth, that the sound of the gospel will be heard in all places and wherever we may go.

It may be asked why it is so important that we testify. Let us consider the second Scripture. "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every-one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also the Greek." (Rom. 1:16). We should ever realize that there is no other gospel or testimony that will bring salvation unto a lost world, none but that of our Lord Jesus Christ, and it will bring salvation unto all people in all places if they will only believe.

We have an adversary, the adversary of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has often reminded us that if we would take such a stand for the gospel of Christ we would be persecuted, that bonds and afflictions would be upon us. But may we speak as did the great

apostle: "But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God" (Acts 20:24). It is our ministry to testify unto all men so that their blood will not be upon us when we stand before our Lord to give an account of this ministry with which He has entrusted us.

### Thoughts Form Character

Many travelers visit the Mammoth Caves of Kentucky. Here one can see enormous pillars which have been formed by the steady dropping of water from the roof of the cave. This masonry, formed of solid rock, made by the slow and silent process of nature, is truly marvelous. A single drop of water, finding its way from the surface down through the roof of the cave, deposits its sediment; another follows it, and still another, each adding its contribution, until the icicle of stone begins to grow, ultimately reaching the pillar which likewise has been formed on the bottom of the cave. It becomes a massive pillar which will stand until the end of the world.

There is a process just like that going on in each one of our hearts. Each thought that stirs for a moment sinks into the soul as each little drop of water with its limestone deposit makes its contribution to the pillar in the cave. Other thoughts follow and yet others, until a habit of thought along a given line of reasoning, arousing similar emotions, is formed, erecting within our hearts monuments of purpose or pillars of ambition that have to do with our characters.

Character is the result of thought. Think high and you live high. Whether our lives shall be full and helpful or cruel and hurtful, depends upon our thoughts. A good way to have clean, noble thoughts is to rise early each day and carefully read and study God's Holy Word, then wait before Him, letting the Word grip the mind and heart.

—Pentecostal Testimony.

THE last verse of the second chapter of 2 Timothy reads, "And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will." It seems generally to be taken for granted that the pronouns "him" and "his" in this passage refer to the devil, and that the people who have been taken captive by him have been taken captive *at his will*. That the devil takes people captive there can be no question, and that many are in captivity to him at the present time we are all willing to concede. But, if he can take people captive *at his will*, how does it happen that we have not all been taken captive? I am quite fully convinced that the most of us have had a wrong understanding of the passage, and that we ought to be set right.

Several years ago I wrote an article for the *Pentecostal Evangel* in which I expressed in one of the paragraphs a doubt as to the generally accepted interpretation of the text, and at the same time a conviction that it is the servant of the Lord who takes captive those to whom, under his ministry, God grants repentance unto life, that they may do the will of God rather than continue in the service of Satan. The article appeared in due time, but the entire paragraph that dealt with this text and set forth what I then believed, and now feel quite certain, is the correct interpretation, was deleted by somebody at headquarters who apparently thought the interpretation was erroneous, or, at least, very questionable.

I have been looking into the matter recently, and have discovered that if I am a heretic there are others who are heretics too. The construction I have given the passage is not exclusively mine by any means. I will set down here some of the more recent translations that indicate that a number of scholars have a conception of the meaning of the inspired writer that corresponds with mine. Certainly these authorities are worthy of consideration.

The Revised Version: "And they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, having been taken captive (marg. Gr. *taken alive*) by the Lord's servant unto the will of God."

The New Testament in Modern English: "And they may come to their senses again, and escape the snare of

## "Taken Captive By Him At His Will"

by J. NARVER GORTNER

the devil, as they are restored to life by God to do His will."

The New Testament in Basic English: "And so they may get themselves free from the net of the Evil One, being made prisoners of the Lord's servant, for the purpose of God."

The Twentieth Century New Testament: "And they may yet come to a sober mind, and escape from the snares of the Devil, when captured by the Lord's Servant to do the will of God."

Dr. Robert D. Weekes: "And they may come to their senses out of the snare of the Devil, (though they have been taken captive by him,) so as to do the will of God."

Moffatt: "They may come to their senses again, and escape the snare of the devil, as they are brought back to life by God to do His will."

Berkeley Version: "And they may come to their senses and be freed from the snare of the devil under whom they have been taken captive, to do His will." It will be observed that in this rendering the last pronoun begins with a capital, indicating that it refers to God and not to the devil.

Dr. Marvin R. Vincent in his noted "Word Studies in the New Testament" writes, "At his will (*eis to ekeinou the-lemma*). Better, *unto* his will: that is, to do his (God's) will. The whole will then read: 'And that they may return to soberness out of the snare of the devil (having been held captive by him) to do God's will.'"

A note in the *Companion Bible* is worth transcribing. It reads as follows:

"The pronouns 'him' and 'His' have not the same reference. The first refers to the servant, the second to God, and the meaning of the passage is, the devil stirs up those he has ensnared to oppose, lest God should give them repentance, and lest, having been taken captive by God's servant, they should escape the snare, to do the will of God."

It will be seen that, while these authorities differ on some points in their understanding of the text, they are all agreed that it is the will of God and not the devil that the inspired writer has in mind when he speaks of "his will."

The word rendered "taken captive" means *taken alive*, and it is an interesting fact that the only other passage where the word is found in the whole New Testament is Luke 5:10, where it is rendered "catch." The disciples had launched out into the deep, at the command of the Master, and they had let down their net for a draught, "and when they had this done, they enclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake." They beckoned to their partners to come and help them, and they filled both of the boats so that they began to sink. Peter was astonished, and so were all the others "at the draught of the fishes that they had taken." It was at that time that Jesus said unto Simon Peter, "Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch (Newberry Bible, marg. *catch alive*) men."

This is very interesting. Jesus had said, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." On this occasion, following the instructions of the Master, they had caught a great multitude of fishes. It was indeed a great miracle, and appears to have been designed to be indicative of the fact that if they followed the instructions of their Lord as faithfully in fishing for souls as they had in fishing for fish they would be blessed in their efforts with equal success.

Here is an illuminating comment that I find in Jamieson, Fausset & Brown's Commentary: "Different Greek pronouns stand for 'him' and 'his'; and the Greek for 'taken captive' means not captivated for destruction, but 'for being saved alive,' as in Luke 5:10, 'Thou shalt catch men to save them unto life;' also there is no article before the Greek participle, which the *English Version* 'who are taken captive,' would require. Therefore translate, 'That they may awake,' etc., taken as saved (and willing) captives by him (the servant of the Lord, v. 24), so as to follow the will of HIM (the Lord, v.24, or God, v.25). There are here two evils, the 'snare' and *sleep*, from which they are delivered: and two goods to which they are translated, *awaking* and deliverance. Instead of Satan's thrall comes the free

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# Missions

## El Salvador

Brother Ralph D. Williams, superintendent of the work in El Salvador, and head of the Bible Institute in that country, writes:

"We are especially thankful for the wonderful opportunity the Lord has given us in the Bible Institute this year. We have the largest group of students yet to come in. There were 78 to come in from the five Republics. What God is going to do with these fine Christian workers only eternity will tell. It is true that we urgently need more missionaries, and the call rings clear and strong, but we also need to see the national Christians get under the burden and take hold of the work of evangelization and pastoring if the missionaries' work is to be permanent. That is exactly our aim, to lead the national workers and to prepare them to carry on the Lord's work on this field. God calls these men into the ministry after they have heard the gospel and have been saved. Then we do all in our power to encourage them in the ministry and to give them the Bible training they must have.

"We ourselves have not given up evangelizing or the many other phases of missionary endeavor, but Bible school for these fellows, who, in many cases, only a few short years ago were living in indescribable darkness and spiritual ignorance, is a *must*, and we are trying to give it its rightful place.

"Think of our consternation as the opening date of the Institute drew near to realize that the number applying for entrance was reaching almost twice that of previous years. Our capacity was soon reached, stretched, and then hopelessly passed. We felt that we could not turn down any who were duly recommended and that this increase in number was to be a test for our faith. We rushed orders for 30 additional beds (canvas cots), desks for forty, chairs, dining tables and other equipment, and pressed workmen to speed up the completion of two new rooms that would serve as dormitories. The food consumption has been enormous, and with present prices as they are, we leave you to imagine what began to happen to our Bible School Student Fund. But God is good, and although heavily overdrawn for a time, He has seen us through, and

now we are looking forward to a happy termination in a few weeks, with all the storms safely passed."

## Missionary

Why hast Thou breathed, O God, upon  
my thoughts  
And tuned my pulse to Thy high melodies,  
Lighting my soul with love, my heart  
with flame,  
Thrilling my ear with truths I cannot  
keep—  
Only to set me in this heathen place  
Amid the chantings of this barbarous  
throng,  
Whose ears are dull to my impassioned  
plea,  
Whose hearts are heedless of the Word  
I bring?

And yet—dear God, forgive! I will sing  
on,  
I will sing on until that day  
When one, perchance, one only it may  
be—  
Shall turn aside from out the sordid way,  
List'ning with eager ears that understand:  
Until that day—Thy day—help me to  
bear  
The hurt of cold indifference and the  
pain  
Of seeing all the multitude rush by,  
Drowning Thy music with their cry for  
the peace  
They cannot find.

—James Harold Price.

If the love of God sets us to work, the  
God of love will find us wages.

## W. M. C.

The South San Joaquin District Women's Missionary Council met together December 5 at Kerman for an all day meeting which proved to be a special blessing to everyone who came out in spite of the rain. Reports of the activities of the groups showed that the women have been very busy for the Lord.

The guest missionaries, Sister Annie Bailey and Sister Kehr, have since sailed for South China on the *Marine Lynx*, and they were anxiously looking forward to seeing their Christian Chinese again. Their messages were very interesting, and our faith was strengthened as Sister Kehr told how the Lord wonderfully answered prayer in raising her from a deathbed in China before they returned for furlough. The Lord had spoken her name to a sister in Los Angeles who was in prayer at the very time intercession was needed. At the service that night she told how God had spoken to her to pray for a Sister Kehr in South China and that she did not know anyone by that name. Friends of the Kehrs were present in the meeting and told the sister that they had recently received word that Sister Kehr was very sick. As letters were exchanged they found that these incidents at different sides of the world took place at the identical time. Our God "is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us." May this be an encouragement for us to be ever ready in prayer.—Mrs. R.J.T.

Let every occasion be a great occasion, for you cannot tell when circumstances may take your measure for a larger place.



The Student Body of the Bible Institute in El Salvador. Brother Ralph Williams, its Superintendent, is shown in center of front row.

# Current Signs

A DIGEST OF CURRENT EVENTS BY ALBERT J. LEBECK

## National Divorce Rate

The first national report on divorce has been issued by the Federal Security Agency. It reveals that the unprecedented number of divorces last year produced one family break-up for every three marriages. There were 502,000 divorces granted in the U.S.A. in 1945 or 25% more than the preceding year's record.

## Mass Starvation

That twenty million persons will have died from starvation in 1946, is the prediction of Clarence E. Pickett, Secretary of the American Friends Service Committee.

## The Cost of Crime

A total of \$34,600,000,000 is spent on crime, drinking, and gambling in the U.S.A. every year, according to Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin, National President of the WCTU.

## Drys Sue CBS for \$15,000,000

In behalf of "the boys and girls of Kentucky and the nation," a \$15,000,000 damage suit has been filed in Federal District Court here against the Columbia Broadcasting System. Plaintiffs Henry M. Johnson, president of the Kentucky Sunday School Association, and the Rev. Sam Morris, "The Voice of Temperance," also seek dissolution of CBS.

The suit seeks relief from alleged unjust discrimination in CBS's selling choice radio time to Schenley Distillers Corporation and brewers, while refusing to sell time to church and temperance groups who want to talk against alcoholic beverages, including wine and beer.

The plaintiffs' brief states that CBS has received more than \$5,000,000 in the past three years from Schenley and other liquor advertisers and asks triple damages, or exactly \$15,063,048 "same to be used for broadcasting in the public interest, including non-drinking broadcasts."

The plaintiffs' discrimination charges alleges "illegal and unlawful over-commercialization of the People's Radio Spectrum, in order to make money for the trustee, instead of operating the said Trust property in the people's and public interest, as required by law."

—(Advertising Age)

## Seers' Take Set at \$50,000,000

Americans spend an estimated \$50,000,000 a year on various forms of fake spiritualism, Col. Willard Chevalier, vice-president of McGraw-Hill Publishing Company, reported at a press luncheon recently at which *Science Illustrated* announced a \$10,000 reward to anyone who can prove actual communication with the dead.

## 60 Billion for Drink Since Prohibition Days

December 5 was the 13th anniversary of the repeal of prohibition—an experiment which was in its thirteenth year when abandoned.

In the years since, the country has consumed more than 1,800,000,000 gallon of liquor, more than 1,000,000,000 gallons of wine and 21,700,000,000 gallons of beer.

And almost \$60,000,000,000—roughly equivalent to one third of this year's entire national income from wages, rents, investments, and other sources—have been paid for by consumers to meet the bill. This includes a sharp federal, state, and local tax "take."

The Federal Government alone has taken in around \$12,000,000,000 from levies on alcohol since repeal became effective. Currently it gets from alcohol taxes about 5 cents out of every dollar of its revenue.

## New Weapons Dwarf "A Bomb"

While the United States and Russia clashed over what to do with the atomic bomb, Great Britain has informed the United Nations that there are "other more terrible weapons" which must be outlawed immediately. Sir

Hartley Shawcross of Britain (in his speech to the U.N.'s 54-nation political and security committee), did not hint at the weapons which inspired his remarks but presumably they include bacteriological warfare.

It was said that Russia's plan is aimed at getting rid of the atomic bomb, but keeping the veto over all other steps toward reduction and prohibition of armaments. Soviet Russia is trying to win U.N. approval of a "narrow and circumscribed" disarmament program which would leave nations free to maintain "other weapons of mass destruction" while requiring the United States to scrap her atomic bombs. There must be a system of international inspection. This inspection should reach every proper avenue, every factory, every chemical plant that may relate to the atomic bomb or to other warlike measures.

## Crime Increases

The forecast of a 20 per cent increase in crime in California during the next year was the basis of a request for 135 new employes in the State Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation.

George Brereton, chief of the Bureau, told the State Finance Department at a budget hearing that an accelerated crime wave started in California at the outbreak of the war and shows no signs of letting up.

"Since VJ Day our criminal work in Los Angeles County has increased 100 per cent," he said, "We have been averaging 1,000 felonies a month."

Brereton declared the work of his bureau has increased 50.47 per cent since 1941. Johnson declared the peak should be reached around 1949 or 1950 and pointed out the peak after World War I came in 1923.

## WCTU to Demand U.S. Anti-Liquor Advertising Law

The National Woman's Christian Temperance Union plans to have 1,000 "prominent people including representatives from every state" in Washington late this winter for Congressional hearings on anti-liquor advertising legislation, the Pennsylvania chapter of the WCTU has revealed.

It disclosed that the WCTU intends to spend \$10,000 in an advertising campaign in religious newspapers next year.

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## The Preacher's Theme for the New Year

by THE SUPERINTENDENT

Though we live in a changing world, the essential content of gospel preaching must ever be the same. The preacher who keeps mentally and spiritually alert, with the spirit of wisdom and revelation abiding upon him, will, of course, improve his technique, and growing abilities in handling the Word of God will be reflected in a new appreciation of his ministry and a new fulness of blessing that stems from it. Yet the basic elements in the message—the glorious gospel of Christ, like our Lord Himself—is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

In our day, as in the first century, certain princes of this world pine for "another gospel." Like their predecessors they "would pervert the gospel of Christ." I am reminded here of the Pharisees who corrupted the stream of religion in their day. Drifting from their true center and gradually shifting the emphasis from the weightier matters of the law, they became enmeshed in a complex hodgepodge of law and tradition that ended in apostasy and judgment. A word from Paul at this point is pertinent, "Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ."

There is every reason now for keeping on guard against an unconscious drift from the great essentials of the faith. Great churches are being gradually eased away from their spiritual moorings; and the end is not yet. Perhaps a good resolution for those who minister to the household of faith would be that we shall cram our sermons with gospel truth and keep extraneous matter to the barest minimum. Why should a church audience be dragged through Egyptian pyramids, over dusty trails of archaeologists, and through laboratories where tiny atoms are subjected

to cataclysmic pressure, under the guise of preaching? Illustrative material, of course, may be gleaned from any and every source. I am only insisting here that, as ministers, we major in the gospel. Our one master passion should be to present Christ to the people.

Why should moderns, like pagan Athenians, be so concerned "either to tell or to hear some new thing"? We are quite content with the sunshine though it is ever the same. There are no new arrangements of the starry heavens that "declare the glory of God." Each year the trees and flowers put on a new beauty parade, but there are no variations from the original pattern, and for this satisfying beauty and dependability in nature we may well give thanks to God, since all this is truly "the finger of God."

Perfect Deity was mirrored perfectly in one supreme revelation of the Eternal when the Word that was with God and was God "was made flesh and dwelt among us" and men "beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth." Verily He is all in all. He is all of our righteousness, our sanctification, and our redemption. He is all of our gospel, the adorable all-glorious Lord Jesus of Bethlehem, Calvary, and Olivet. Let the tallest trees of the wood clap their hands while stalwart sons of men bow in deepest adoration.

Every note in the gospel symphony fits into the perfect harmony of God's creative-redemptive plan, the incarnation, vicarious suffering, resurrection and exaltation, His present mediation and personal indwelling, His age-long ministry as Baptizer in the Holy Spirit, His coming again in power and great glory to break in pieces the kingdoms of this world and reign in righteousness "from the river to the ends of the earth."

All of this and more is ours to preach in all sincerity and in the power and demonstration of the Spirit.

May the year now stretching before us in dim outline find us constantly on the stretch to declare the whole counsel of God. We are commissioned for nothing less. As fellow ministers in the full gospel fellowship we are fully aware that unless we find time and grace to get the inspiration and anointing of the Holy Spirit in the preparation and delivery of sermons our preaching will miss the mark. We are convinced, furthermore, that a balanced message ministered in "the ability which God giveth" would bring a real revival. What shall we say to these things? Shall we drag through the year like Pharaoh with the wheels off his chariot? Let us here highly resolve that during this year of our Lord our sermons shall be steeped in prayer, delivered in love, and watered with our tears.

During the time Noah was building the ark, he was very much in the minority—but he won!

When Gideon and his 300 followers, with their broken pitchers and lamps, put the Midianites to flight, they were in an insignificant minority—but they won.

When Elijah prayed down fire from heaven to put the prophets of Baal to shame, he was in a notable minority—but he won.

When David ridiculed by his brothers, went out to meet Goliath, in size he was in a decided minority—but he won.

When Martin Luther nailed his theses on the door of the cathedral, he was a lonesome minority—but he won.

When Jesus Christ was crucified by the Roman soldiers, He was a conspicuous minority—but He won!

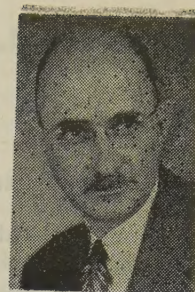
—The Standard Bearer.

Youth is the time to determine whether old age is to be a beautiful consummation or a bitter regret.

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### Webster the Wise

The greatest of American orators and senators would spend his vacations in the quiet hills of New Hampshire. There he would go every Sunday to a little country church and listen to an ordinary preacher as he preached on the most ordinary subjects. This astonished some people. They wanted to know why he went to the little country church in New Hampshire every Sunday, whereas, in Washington, he would fail to hear the splendid sermons of famous preachers. His reply was this.

"In Washington they preach to Webster the statesman, and I stay at home. In New Hampshire they preach to Webster the poor sinner, and I go."

### Alone with God

"Alone with God!" The keynote this  
Of every holy life,  
The secret power of fragrant growth,  
And victory over strife.  
"Alone with God!" In private prayer  
And quietness we feel  
That He draws near our waiting souls,  
And does Himself reveal.  
"Alone with God!" Earth's laurels fade;  
Ambition tempts not there;  
The world and self are judged just right,  
And no false colors wear.  
"Alone with God!" True knowledge  
gained,  
While sitting at His feet.  
We learn life's greatest lessons there,  
Which make for service meet.

—Selected.

### Schedule of Fellowship Meetings

Jan. 1—Chico  
6—Campbell, Oakland  
(Temple), Reno  
13—Dunsmuir, Kelseyville  
20—Delhi, Napa, Seaside  
Feb. 3—Rohnerville, Susanville

### Sermons in Song

Our National Assemblies of God radio program can be heard in our district on Sundays as follows:

KMJ Fresno,	580 kc.	9:45 a.m.
KTRB Modesto,	860 kc.	7:45 a.m.
KWBR Oakland,	1310 kc.	8:15 a.m.
KXOM Sacramento,	1490 kc.	5:00 p.m.

Tune in and enjoy it; then pitch in and support it.

Send contributions and applications for membership in "SERMONS IN SONG" Fellowship to Assemblies of God Radio Hour, P.O. Box 70, Springfield, Missouri.

### District Changes

#### Transferred INTO the District:

Cale Anderson (Exhorter) from Northwest District  
H. C. Brown (Ordained) from New Mexico District  
Sherman G. Cox (Ordained) from Southern Missouri District  
E. G. Eskelin (Ordained) from Southern California  
Lloyd L. Guess (Ordained) from Oklahoma District  
G. Oliver Hall (Ordained) from North Dakota District  
Opal Hall (Mrs. G. O.) (Ordained) from North Dakota District  
Floyd G. Larson (Ordained) from Southern California District  
N. L. Locke (Ordained) from Oklahoma District  
Tom B. Myers (Ordained) from Southern California District  
J. N. Opperman (Licensed) from Southern California District  
Raymond C. Nicklin (Licensed) from Oregon District  
Charles Pepper (Ordained) from Southern California District  
Edmond L. Rey (Ordained) from New Mexico District  
Edward G. Skultety (Ordained) from Kansas District  
John R. Vest (Ordained) from Southern Missouri District

#### Transferred OUT of the District:

George W. Clements (Ordained) to Oklahoma District  
Virgil T. Eldridge (Licensed) to Southern Idaho District  
Benjamin W. Gottschalk (Licensed) to Montana District  
John Hopcroft (Licensed) to New Mexico District  
Eric M. Johnson (Ordained) to Oklahoma District  
E. S. Murray (Licensed) to Oklahoma District  
Eudora Murray (Mrs. E. S.) (Licensed) to Oklahoma District  
W. B. Raley (Licensed) to Southern California District

# Here and There

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**ALAMEDA**—Many souls sought the Lord and the power of the Lord fell during the meetings Evangelist Dean E. Duncan held for Pastor Paul L. Ferguson from November 24 to December 8. The Sunday school attendance has shown considerable gain over the corresponding period last year, the attendance for the quarter averaging 128.

**ATWATER**—Pastor S. Albert Ogle reports that four received the baptism of the Holy Spirit and several were saved, one a mother 83 years of age, during the two weeks of special meetings with Brother E. G. Kennedy of Modesto. Five were baptized in water in a recent service using the baptism in the Delhi church.

**BOONVILLE**—Evangelist Dorothy Fowler and Myrtle McBride supplied the pulpit during the absence of Brother and Sister McPheeters, who had a vacation trip in the Middle West in the fall.

**CERES**—Evangelist Lester Fox and Evangelist H. T. Langley were the afternoon and evening speakers respectively at the North San Joaquin fellowship meeting held there in early November. The evening service was held in the Ceres Baptist church and the building was filled to capacity. E. L. Stewart is the pastor.

**CHESTER**—Union revival services were held in the Chester Chapel by the Methodist, Baptist, and Assembly of God churches, the pastors doing the preaching. There were good results with several at the altar for salvation. M. A. Caudill is pastor in Chester.

**CHICO**—Pastor E. William Anderson reports that the Lord is blessing in a mighty way in all departments of the church, including the Sunday school, which is now in a contest working for an attendance of 200. The goal is expected to be reached shortly. To make room for the growing Sunday school and church in general they have moved from the two-story building back of the church, and now have a lovely parsonage not far from the church. The church annex is being used for Sunday school rooms, church office, and church gatherings and the work in general. The Cantelon Musical Messengers are in a campaign, having begun December 29. Willard Cantelon, director of the party, was formerly with the Fox Party. They are now on the air each Saturday at 9:00 a.m., for 15 minutes, over KHSL, 1290 on the dial.

**COVELO**—Brother Raymond T. Esterline, pastor of the Indian Mission, is busy in a building program, remodeling a parsonage recently purchased.

**DUNSMUIR**—Pastor R. E. Cull reports that they are in the process of building a six-room parsonage.

**EL CERRITO**—Evangelist McDowell, of Texas, was the afternoon speaker at the East Bay Fellowship meeting held there Decem-

ber 2. The evening speaker was Brother Walter Larson. Brother C. E. Persing was nominated at the ministers' business meeting to serve again the coming year as District Presbyterian. Evangelist George Hayes began a revival meeting there December 29. L. H. Rogers is the pastor.

**ELKO, NEVADA**—Evangelist C. V. Hummel held a good two weeks meeting with Pastor B. L. Tewell in the late fall.

**GRASS VALLEY**—Brother Clarence Peterson brought a message Sunday morning December 8 concerning the Gideons' work in placing Bibles in hotels and schools. He was speaker for the evangelistic meeting in the evening which service enjoyed the blessing of the Lord in the saving of souls and baptizing believers with the Holy Spirit. The Sunday school attendance has gone over the 100 mark. W. A. McBride is the pastor.

**GREENVILLE**—Pastor J. F. Bowling, from Portola, and Pastor L. R. Neal, from Westwood, were the speakers at the fellowship meeting held there November 3. Pastor V. D. Kelly reports that a young man was gloriously reclaimed and all present at the meetings were greatly blessed.

**HEALDSBURG**—The North Bay fellowship meeting held there November 18 was a time of blessing to all. Pastor Carl F. Wilhite of Sausalito was the afternoon speaker, and Pastor Charles Pepper of Boyes Springs was the evening speaker.

**GRIDLEY**—Souls were saved, bodies were healed, and several were filled with the Holy Spirit during the revival campaign Evangelist Walter H. Smith held there for Pastor Charles L. Elmes in early December.

**HOLLISTER**—Beginning November 24 the Helvey Evangelistic Party held meetings there with good results. Sisters Marion Minogue and Glenora McMillan are the pastors.

**KELSEYVILLE**—Pastor Luther Perkins reports on the five weeks of special meetings held there with Evangelist and Mrs. Mitchell of Oklahoma: "One of the best I've experienced in over 40 years of ministry. In answer to prayer, God gave Brother and Sister Mitchell a vision of this valley, lakes, and mountains while conducting a revival in Oklahoma, and sent them to Kelseyville. Fifteen have been filled with the Holy Ghost and 20 have been refilled. Eight were saved, and there were some of the most wonderful healings I have ever witnessed. A father and three sons were baptized in the Holy Ghost one night, the mother had received a few nights before. . . . We have started the roof on our new cement block church, and expect to have it ready for the fellowship meeting in January."

**LAKEPORT**—Pastor S. S. Webster writes: "The revival meetings at our assembly for three weeks with Brother Jack White and

the revival meetings for five weeks at Kelseyville with Brother Mitchell have harvested much precious fruit for the Master. We are experiencing a mighty shower of the mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Sick bodies have been healed, backsliders have been reclaimed, and some 17 baptized in the Spirit at both places. The building at Kelseyville was too small to continue longer. So we start all over again at Lakeport in January."

**LODI**—Pastor Mark A. Hinman reports that they enjoyed a splendid revival meeting with Eddie and Ruthie Washington last month. A number were saved, one filled with the Holy Spirit, and 11 baptized in water. Very good crowds attended. Rev. H. G. Schmidt conducted a three-day missionary rally the following week. A very good response was manifest by the assembly, and 290 pounds of clothing was received for distressed Christians in Europe.

**MADERA**—Nedra Terwilliger sent the C.A. report of the rally held there with Elvis Davis as the speaker. "The church was completely packed out, and three were definitely saved at the altar service." The new C.A. room is completed and they held their first meeting in it Sunday November 24 with 56 present. For several years they have been holding their Sunday night meetings in the main auditorium; now they are thankful to have this beautiful new room of their own. T. E. Woods is the pastor.

**MARYSVILLE**—Further report on the Thanksgiving Day service held in Marysville for the subdistrict fellowship, is given by the District Presbyterian, Brother Floyd R. Hoole. "The response and interest in the services were beyond our expectations. It was amazing to see the large attendance at all the services. We thank God that He met us and the Holy Spirit moved in every detail of the day's activities. And surely our Thanksgiving Dinner was lacking in nothing. . . . By the time the afternoon service was over the interest was so high that many expressed their opinions that we should plan toward another day of Thanksgiving services together next year."

**MERCED**—Brother R. J. Thurmond was the afternoon speaker at the South San Joaquin fellowship meeting held there December 16. The evening speaker was Evangelist Myrtle Wolford, from Oklahoma. She has been holding meetings at Merced and has an anointed ministry which has been a great blessing to the church, causing many to seek the Lord and be saved. The pastor is Sherman G. Cox.

**MODESTO (Bethel)**—Evangelist Ted Ness will begin a revival campaign with Pastor Charles G. Weston in late January.

**MODESTO (6th and G)**—Eddie and Ruthie Washington, colored evangelists, had a very successful meeting from November 19 to December 1, the church enjoying the largest attendance night after night in years. Brother Walter Larson has resigned as pastor.

**MONTE VISTA**—Pastor James C. Merwin reports: "Brother C. F. Rowe, of Hoopa, held a very good three-weeks meeting for us from October 15 to November 3. Bodies were

healed, backsliders reclaimed and delivered, and the saints of God built up and encouraged to press on for Christ. We had some splendid Bible teaching, and we believe that a lasting work has been accomplished in many hearts."

**NEWARK**—"We have just closed a successful revival with Evangelist Florence Coryell of Richmond. The church was gloriously revived, with eleven saved."—Pastor Earl Teal.

**OAKDALE**—Early in December Pastor E. L. Spilman wrote: "We have just closed a three-weeks revival with Brother Edward Klinsky. How gracious the Lord was to us. Ten were saved, two received the Holy Ghost, and several were refilled or reclaimed. Some of the older members in the church have said that it is one of the best revivals ever to be had in Bethel Church here. Our Sunday school attendance went to 88, and we had the best of regular crowds every night. How the power of God fell so that at times the people didn't leave the altar until two o'clock in the morning."

**OAKLAND (Bethel)** — Brother John Wright Follette will hold meetings for Pastor R. H. Moon January 12 to 26 in a special Bible teaching campaign. He will speak twice Sundays and week days with the exception of Mondays and Saturdays. The afternoon meetings will be at one o'clock. Insofar as possible friends who wish to attend and remain overnight will be provided for. Those who wish to do so may communicate with the pastor at 1527 54th Avenue, Oakland 1.

**OAKLAND (First)**—Brother E. E. Krogstad, of Seattle and formerly of Minnesota, has been chosen to be the new pastor. He will assume his duties as pastor on February 9. Brother Krogstad was the speaker at a sectional Thanksgiving service of our East Bay churches held there Thanksgiving morning.

**OAKLAND (Revival Tabernacle)**—Evangelist G. B. McDowell, of Texas, held a very good campaign for Pastor Cecil L. Lowry in December. The meetings enjoyed very fine attendance and very good results.

**OLIVEHURST**—At the South Sacramento fellowship meeting held there December 9, Brother G. A. Fletcher and Pastor Oliver Hall, of Placerville, were the speakers. Olivehurst is about five miles south of Marysville on Highway 99-E. C. C. Catledge is the pastor.

**RENO**—Evangelist and Mrs. Virgil Warens held a revival meeting with Pastor R. L. Stuck in November. The children's meetings which they conducted in the afternoons were well received and enjoyed good results as did the regular evening services.

**RIO VISTA**—Evangelist Clifford McAteer conducted revival meetings for Pastor Blossom Gregorian in December, beginning on the 8th.

**RIVERBANK**—Evangelist and Mrs. Earl Saxelid, both preachers, held a successful revival campaign in November for Pastor Douglas H. Cooksey.

**SACRAMENTO (Bethel)** — The church has been enjoying a great spiritual awakening lately. This was climaxed Sunday night December 15 with a real outpouring of the Holy Spirit when 11 were baptized. The Sunday school attendance has averaged over 412 for the past quarter, at times reaching almost 450. Our goal of 500 is expected to be reached shortly. A great revival is anticipated the forepart of January when Evangelist Winston I. Nunes is expected to hold special meetings. Nelson E. Hinman is the pastor.

**SACRAMENTO (Sixth Street)**—A new building is in process of construction at 28th and C Streets. It is about half finished, and though there is difficulty in getting materials to continue the work, it is expected that it will be completed by spring. It is estimated that the seating capacity will be 250. Souls were saved and blessed during the meetings Brother Merrin held there recently. The pastor is M. Leslie Crosson.

**SANTA CRUZ**—At least 15 knelt at the altar for salvation, and six were baptized in water the last night of the meetings Evangelist C. Franklyn Murray held for his brother, Raymond P. Murray, from November 17 to December 8. New people attended each service, and the Saturday night "Singing Convention" proved successful. On December 9 the sectional C.A. rally was held there with Brother Charles Coffey, the chairman, presiding. Brother Dan Flaming, chairman of the South San Joaquin section, led the song service; and the speaker was Brother Walter Larson, chairman of the North San Joaquin section. Church was crowded to capacity with the gathering. Brother Saul Benjamin held a missionary service on December 13.

**SANTA ROSA**—The North Bay fellowship meeting was held there December 16. The afternoon and evening speakers were Brother J. L. Jeffry, of Sebastopol, and Brother Joseph A. Garland, of Benicia. A water baptismal service was conducted during the evening service to accommodate those in assemblies in the section that are not equipped with a baptistry. At the business meeting Pastor M. P. Bohnet was nominated to serve again as district presbyter.

**SAN FRANCISCO (Sunset)**—The Peninsula fellowship meeting was held there December 9. Sister Lawler, long-time missionary to China, was the afternoon speaker. Pastor R. J. Renfroe, of Palo Alto, brought the evening message. In the business meeting of the ministers of the section, Brother Paul E. Radley, pastor of Sunset Gospel Tabernacle, was nominated to be the District Presbyter. Brother R. R. Carmichael, who is the present presbyter, declined the nomination.

**SEBASTOPOL**—Evangelist Myrtle Wolford and her co-worker, Sister Taylor, began a three-weeks meeting on December 29. Sister Wolford is a former aviatrix of Chickasha, Oklahoma. J. L. Jeffrey is the pastor.

**SOLEDAD** — Pastor Thomas Simms reports a meeting in late November: "Just closed a meeting with a young man from the Southern Missouri District. Thirteen were

saved and three were filled with the Holy Ghost."

**TUOLUMNE**—Pastor Dixie Thollander writes: "We had a good revival with Sister Marjorie Gannon of Richmond for two weeks in November."

**TURLOCK**—The North San Joaquin fellowship meeting was held in Bethel Temple on December 2. District Presbyter A. Byron League was the afternoon speaker, and Brother Nelson Hinman, of Sacramento, brought the evening message. At the business session, Brother E. L. Stewart, of Ceres, was nominated to be District Presbyter, Brother League having withdrawn his name as a candidate for the office.

Pastor Allen J. Brown reports: "Bethel Temple recently purchased a six-bedroom parsonage one block from the church, and has also purchased a fine 50-passenger Sunday school bus. The Sunday school and church attendance is perhaps the best in its history, and every department is on the increase. Brother A. B. Cox, former pastor in Dayton, Ohio, for 28 years, held a very good meeting for a week, followed by a good week's meeting in which souls were saved with Evangelist and Mrs. Arden Ragsdale. Brother Nelson Hinman continued on the rest of the week after bringing the evening message for the fellowship meeting. There was good attendance at all the meetings."

**WATERFORD**—A goodly number (14 at the time of receiving the report) were at the altar for salvation during the meetings Clifford McAteer held from November 17 to December 1. Mrs. Mary E. Moore is the pastor.

**WEED**—New opera chairs have recently been installed in the church auditorium. H. W. Brown is the pastor.

**WILLOWS**—Evangelists Virgil and Edythe Warens held meetings with Pastor A. Rowley December 3 to 15.

**YREKA**—The Shasta district fellowship meeting was held there December 9 with Pastor Wm. C. Jones. Brother H. J. Ketner spoke in the afternoon. Pastor Robert Doherty, of Redding, spoke in the evening on the "Plentificost of Pentecost."

**YUBA CITY**—Brother and Sister G. A. Fletcher held a meeting for Pastor Fred H. Reichert in early December.

### Filipino Branch

The ninth annual convention of the Filipino Assemblies of God held in Upper Room Mission in San Jose in early November was a time of edification and great spiritual blessing to the Filipino brethren and visitors who attended. They greatly enjoyed the ministry of Brother Gaston every evening of the convention. Brother E. C. Lagmay continues on as president of the Filipino Assemblies. He is making plans to leave as soon as possible for the Philippines to do evangelistic work among his people for a time.



# Christ's Ambassadors

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## A Jeepful of Money

Missionary giving at the close of the Speed-the-Light program at the C. A. convention in Fresno filled the jeep which had been driven to the front of the auditorium with \$3,899.86! An unusual load for a jeep, but as time goes on more jeeps are going to be put to many tasks working for and with our missionaries in all parts of the world.

Once again Northern California has taken the lead to top the list in the year's Speed-the-Light giving. Half of the offering received at the convention at Fresno was credited to Northern California, putting us in the lead. Our quota for the year was \$5,000, which we topped by over a thousand dollars! Praise the Lord! We want to thank all who had a part in giving to such a glorious ministry to help speed the light to those in the night.

Five things keep meekly hid:  
"Myself" and "I."  
And "Mine" and "My,"  
And what "I said and did."

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What one approves, another scorns,  
And thus his nature each discloses:  
You find the rosebush full of thorns,  
I find the thornbush full of roses.

## The Coming Business Meeting

As has been announced, the annual business meeting and election of officers for the Christ's Ambassadors is to be held Friday, January 31, at 2:30 p.m.

Inasmuch as this meeting is not a regular fall convention, we are very definitely requesting that each local chapter consider the items presented and send delegated representatives to the business meeting so that all sections and local groups of our District have a distinct part in the business program of our District.

The first item of business, of course, will be the election of officers. This is a matter of great importance and should be considered prayerfully that we might know the mind of the Lord.

It has been in our minds for some time that of the money received by the District C. A. office for the general fund we should tithe such amount and that such tithe be used for special missions projects. This recommendation has the endorsement of your C. A. executives.

We will be considering the following resolutions: Be it resolved, that the C. A. District officers recommend the C. A. office running expense, including the expenses entailed in keeping a C. A. president full time on the field, be paid out of a Northern California and Ne-

vada District C. A. fund, and said fund shall be replenished annually by pledges that may be received from each C. A. group monthly throughout the District; Also, be it resolved that the month of January shall be designated as "C. A. Expense Month," giving all C. A. groups an opportunity to make a monthly offering pledge for the coming year;

Be it further resolved that each sub-district first rally offering of the year be received for C. A. office expense, and, if possible, all other rally offerings received at the district office shall be released for other C. A. projects;

Be it recommended that the C. A. Secretary provide pledge envelopes to each local C. A. president annually at the first of the year, reminding them of their privilege and responsibility in keeping our aggressive and spiritual youth program going for Christ;

And, Be it resolved that this new pledge system shall not be compulsory to membership, but it is unanimously and heartily recommended by your C. A. Executive Committee that each C. A. group set a definite goal each year and diligently endeavor to reach it for a bigger and better District youth program.

Let's have a delegation from each group, and come in prayerful consideration.—Bob Carrington.

## Begin with Christ

Speak first with Him each morning;  
Let Him the rose leaves of your heart  
unroll,  
Inhale the freshest fragrance of your  
spirit,  
And drink the earliest dewdrops of  
the soul.

C. A. Officers of Northern and  
Southern California Districts  
smile with pleasure at the  
Convention Speed-the-Light offering.



# Teaching Doctrine in the Sunday School

by VIRGIL C. WARENS



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Teaching doctrine and theology (the principles or dogma of any church; the study of the existence, nature, powers and laws of God, especially of man's relations to God) should have an important part in the curriculum of the Sunday School. Doctrine and theology for children may at first seem abstract terms until we realize the importance of teaching young and formative minds, to root and ground these new believers in the right beginning which often means so much for a right ending in Christian living.

The writer was taught as a child a false doctrine that Jesus atoned not for our sins but for Adam's sin. Then when convicted by the Holy Spirit that he was a sinner he could not believe that Christ could save him by faith in the atonement as taught in the Bible. The proper doctrinal teaching in Sunday School could have meant victory instead of defeat.

In child evangelism we sometimes, to test and teach doctrine, question the children along these lines. In nearly every instance when asked if God had a father like most boys and girls have, the answer is a definite yes, a yes that says no to the most fundamental issues of Christian doctrine, and a dangerous one.

The teaching of doctrines need not be dry or difficult to interest children. The same methods and material can be used for these lessons that are used for Bible stories. For the atonement lesson a chemical solution changing black water to red and then to clear can be used very effectively. For the new birth, the Lamb of God, etc., the Katakata lessons are good. Tithing can be taught children, becoming a good habit that helps overcome selfishness. A small bank or jar left in the classroom into which new tithers may drop their pennies (most children have a little money)

for missionaries or orphans, illustrated with an attractive picture or feltogram story, is sure to produce results. After presenting a practical illustration of multiplying his offering, "give and it shall be given unto you," this little boy immediately paid the few cents tithe cheerfully for he had learned the law of tithing and its benefits to him.

Certainly in view of a general moral breakdown of the marriage relation, children cannot be taught too early in life the value of the Christian ideal for a happy and godly home, which they should expect to have someday. How beautifully the fatherhood of God may be taught in type through the human relationship.

Divine healing, the second coming, the rapture, separation, and all essential doctrines should be taught children while they are in a more teachable stage. There is a right way and method which most children can understand, that though they may not always live up to it, yet they shall not easily depart from it. A strong barrier of consistent and patient teaching will give them a chance to withstand the false and dangerous teachings that face them in the world.

## Hints to the Sunday School Teacher

1. Have the cupboard of your knowledge well stocked.
2. Let God prepare the teacher. As much prayer as study.
3. Make your lessons extremely interesting—add spice and illustrations.
4. Be personal with your class. Heart to heart . . . firm but friendly.
5. Attract attention of your scholars by anointing and freedom.
6. Keep in touch with every pupil . . . visit their home . . . note absentees.
7. Never be late. Never be absent. Urge your class to remain for church.
8. Put every one in your class to work bringing in new pupils.
9. Be not weary in well doing . . . be patient . . . practice what you teach.
10. Lead every scholar to Christ as soon as possible.—*The Bulletin*.

## To Any Daddy

There are little eyes upon you, and they're watching night and day;  
There are little ears that quickly take in every word you say;  
There are little hands all eager to do anything you do;  
And a little boy who's dreaming of the days he'll be like you.

You're the little fellow's idol; you're the wisest of the wise,  
In his little mind about you, no suspicions rise;  
He believes in you devotedly, holds that all you say and do,  
He will say and do in your way when he's grown up like you.

There's a wide-eyed little fellow, who believes you're always right;  
And his ears are always open, and he watches day and night;  
You are setting an example every day, in all you do,  
For the little boy who's waiting to grow up to be like you.

## Wedding Bells

In Palo Alto the evening of November 26 Alberta Garrard was united in marriage to Peter Owen Seymour, also of Mountain View, in a ceremony conducted by Brother R. J. Renfroe. The mother of the bride is Evangelist June Garrard.

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Joyce Reisholt became the bride of Carl Amundson November 22 in a marriage ceremony performed by Pastor R. A. Wilson in Roseville. The bridegroom is a son of Sister Leah O. Amundson, one of our licensed ministers.

## New Arrivals

On December 13 a daughter, Hazel Elizabeth, was born to Brother and Sister Edward Watkins. Sister Watkins used to be Sylvia Boyer.

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Little Kenneth Eugene joined his parents on the mission field on December 15. He was born in Lima, Peru. The parents are Frank and Elsie Isensee.

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Brother and Sister Carl Gunderson welcomed their second son, on December 20. Little Dennis Carl was born in Longview, Washington, where his daddy is now pastor.

# Glad Tidings Bible Institute Notes

by DEAN FRANK M. BOYD

Glad Tidings Bible Institute has been having an unusually fine year in many respects. The student enrollment of 170 has greatly exceeded any year since 1939. The spiritual tone has been high and the presence and power of God has been richly manifest in revival and in the subsequent blessing. Classes were suspended for two days in November when the Holy Spirit through His faithful convicting ministry enabled the student body to make some vital adjustments in their lives to God first, then to the school order, and to one another in Christian fellowship. The grace and transforming power of God in individual lives was revealed as the Spirit led different ones to share their backgrounds and to magnify His faithfulness in bringing them out of trying home situations, when the Lord saved them and filled them with His Holy Spirit.

The Practical Work Department has been functioning briskly and with real results in many lives which have been touched by the students. Three street meetings are held each week by different groups and the assignments to Calvary Mission, which is sponsored by Glad Tidings Temple, have been fruitful in the salvation of souls through the students' testimonies, by the ministry of the Word, and in the use of their musical talent.

Student groups visit the city and county jails each Sunday and the gospel has brought real responses from those who have been caught in the toils of the law. Regular services are held each week with the saints of the Russian Hill Assembly. Welcome Mission is regularly visited as is Laguna Honda Home, where comfort and cheer has been brought into the hearts of those whose lot has not been fortunate. Assistance has been given in the musical part of the services at the San Bruno Assembly, at Sunset Gospel Tabernacle, and at the church in Sausalito.

Student teachers are in charge of Victory Bible Clubs under the direction of Miss Emmy Pearson, class of '30. These clubs are scattered widely over San Francisco, where groups of children gather in for instruction in the message of the gospel. Visual aids are used in this work and in this and other respects

the work of the clubs is a reflection of the Christian Education Department of the Bible Institute.

Student pastors are in charge of out stations from Glad Tidings at Sunnydale and Glad Tidings Center on Wisconsin Street. In Glad Tidings Temple itself the personal work of many is most effective as the students spot the hands raised for prayer in the evangelistic services, especially on Sunday evenings. Many a needy soul has been led to the altar for prayer by a student and has been pointed to our matchless Lord, who has saved him.

The Flying Club was described for our readers in last month's GLAD TIDINGS. The program has been developed vigorously and already some students are making their solo flights. Shortly several will qualify for a pilot's license. They are getting ready to "speed the light" by means of quick transport to the mission fields.

VICTORY is in the atmosphere.

## Current Signs

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Public meetings will "be held in every community around or near January 16 to arouse an interest in the anti-liquor advertising campaign." The WCTU will ask "all pastors to preach a temperance sermon on Sunday, January 19, asking signatures to petitions against liquor advertising in order that thousands of names" may be sent to the hearings sought by the WCTU in its effort to obtain a Federal ban prohibiting all liquor advertising in newspapers, magazines, radio, and outdoor.—(*Advertising Age*)

## Seek to Be Strong

A policeman who became a Christian was so troubled by the sights of sin around him that for a long time he prayed: "Lord take me out of the police service. Give me some other work."

Then at last he said to his wife: "I think we have been making a great mistake. We have been praying that I may be taken out of the force, and I begin to think He has put me there to work for Him. Now I am just going to pray that He will help me to serve Him where I am."

## Alone

It is human to stand with the crowd, it is divine to stand alone. It is manlike to follow the people, to drift with the tide; it is Godlike to follow a principle to stem the tide.

It is natural to compromise conscience and to follow the social and religious fashions for the sake of gain or pleasure; it is divine to sacrifice both on the altar of truth and duty.

"No man stood with me, but all men forsook me," wrote the battle-scarred apostle in describing his first appearance before Nero to answer for his life for believing and teaching contrary to the Roman world.

Truth has been out of fashion since man changed his robe of fadeless light for a garment of faded leaves.

Noah built and voyaged alone. His neighbors laughed at his strangeness and perished in style.

Abraham wandered and worshiped alone. Sodomites smiled at the simple shepherd, followed the fashion, and fed the flames.

Daniel dined and prayed alone. Elijah sacrificed and witnessed alone. Jeremiah prophesied and wept alone. Jesus loved and died alone.

And of the lonely way His disciples should walk He said: "Straight is the gate and narrow is the way which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it."

Of their treatment by the many who walk in the broad way, He said, "If ye were of the world, the world would love his own; but because ye are not of the world, therefore the world hateth you."

The church in the wilderness praised Abraham and persecuted Moses. The church of the kings praised Moses and persecuted the prophets.

The church of Caiaphas praised the prophets and persecuted Jesus. The church of the popes praised the Saviour and persecuted the saints. And multitudes now, both in the church and in the world, applaud the courage and fortitude of the patriarchs and prophets, the apostles and martyrs, but condemn as stubbornness or foolishness like faithfulness to truth today.

Wanted today, men and women, young and old, who will obey their convictions of truth and duty at the cost of fortune and friends and life itself.—Selected.

## Personal Mention

Evangelist STANLEY McPHERSON has been in Tampa, Florida, in recent weeks holding a revival campaign.

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Brother and Sister D. L. ADAMS have returned to Modesto after having spent the summer and fall in Oklahoma and Arkansas in evangelistic meetings.

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Sister ELSIE SIMPKINS sailed December 13 to return to her work in the Hawaiian Islands.

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Brother C. F. FERGUSON has been engaged in successful evangelistic campaigns on the Western Slope in Colorado for several weeks.

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Evangelist JENNIE O'BRIEN held a good meeting in November in Palestine, Texas, for Pastor Tom Potts. From there she went to Virginia.

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Evangelists JULIA PETERSON and RUTH BERTENSHAW have returned from their evangelistic work in the Middle West because of the poor health of Sister Peterson's mother.

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Brother and Sister A. A. WHITE, formerly of Ripon, have gone to Auburn, Washington.

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Brother H. A. SUAN sailed for the Philippines December 2 to do evangelistic work for several months.

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After a good meeting in Fresno following the C.A. convention, PAUL and VIOLET PIPKIN went to Springfield, Oregon, where more than 42 were saved the first two weeks of the campaign with Pastor ARTHUR HYLAND. The Pipkins will be on missionary itinerary work in Oregon and Northern California until the time of the District Council meeting in late January.

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The place God has put you is the place you can do the best service for Him.

## Taken Captive

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and willing captivity of obedience to Christ (2 Corinthians, 10:5). It is God who goes before, *giving repentance* (v.25); then the work of His servant following is sure to be crowned with success, leading the convert henceforth to 'live to the will of God' (Acts 22:14; 1 Peter 4:2)."

This comment sets forth, in my opinion, the correct interpretation of the text; and the rendering of the entire passage in the Revised Version, which I here transcribe, is, I believe, the correct rendering:

"And the Lord's servant must not strive, but be gentle towards all, apt to teach, forbearing, in meekness correcting (or, instructing) them that oppose themselves; if peradventure God may give them repentance unto the knowledge of the truth, and they may recover themselves (Gr. *return to soberness*) out of the snare of the devil, having been taken captive (or, *taken alive*) by the Lord's servant unto the will of God."

It is the devil's will that we all be taken captive by him and that we be held in captivity. But the Lord has made provision whereby the devil's captives can be delivered from their captivity to sin, and made the Lord's captives. Christ died, and rose, and ascended into heaven, and "He is able to save unto the uttermost all who come unto God by Him." To be saved is to be made free from sin, and to be made free from sin is to become the servants of righteousness. Paul wrote, "Ye have obeyed from

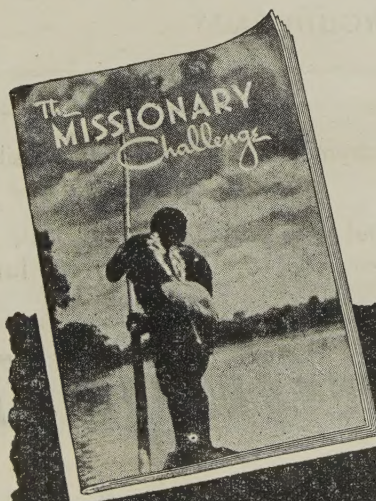
the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness" (Rom. 6:17, 18). This is the evangel which was preached. We are authorized to go forth in the name of the Lord and announce to sinners everywhere that if they will accept their Liberator, and swear fealty to Jesus Christ, they will be made free from bondage to Satan, that they may "serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear."

Let us be true to the task that has been assigned unto us. Then will success attend our efforts; and we shall be enabled, by the grace of God, and under the anointing of the Spirit, to "catch men."

Would that, as Peter and his fellow-disciples, obeying their Lord, enclosed in their net "a great multitude of fishes," and, afterwards, when they began the work of the ministry, succeeded in enclosing in the gospel net a multitude of souls, we might capture, not just the twos and threes merely, but the multitudes! And that they might be brought "into captivity to the obedience of Christ" for the purpose of doing the will of God!

My pleasures rise from things unseen,  
Beyond this world and time  
Where neither eyes nor ears have been,  
Nor thoughts of mortals climb.  
I want no pomp nor royal throne  
To raise my honors here;  
Content and pleased to live unknown,  
Till Christ my life appear.

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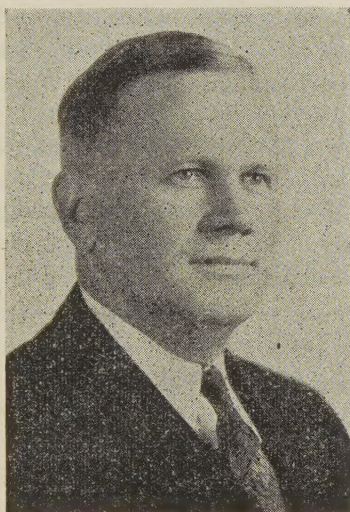
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